## Boxing qualification procedure for Paris 2024 to provide a fair process for all NOCs

The Executive Board (EB) of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) addressed the delivery mechanism for the Paris 2024 Olympic boxing competition and Olympic boxing qualifiers today (IOC). Olympic fans can buy Olympic Boxing Tickets from our website.

The Olympic qualification system was developed by the IOC in close consultation with boxing specialists, and it aims to achieve a fair procedure for all NOCs by providing its boxers with the same number of qualification events regardless of weight category;



A greater number of possibilities to qualify than under Tokyo 2020; Maintaining the athlete eligibility standards that were successfully applied to the qualification process for the Tokyo 2020 boxing event;

Comparing the proposed quota place distribution for each weight category to that of the International Boxing Association (IBA); and comparing the proposed quota place distribution for each qualification event to that of the IBA.

The NOC regional multisport competitions are used as Olympic boxing qualification tournaments under the new qualification system, which was authorized by the IOC EB in September and is based on direct qualification through chosen contests.

Two international qualification tournaments are scheduled to be organized in 2024 in order to provide a balance in terms of geographical possibility to qualify for the Olympic Games Paris 2024 after the continental round of the quota spot allocation. Details are available here.

By utilizing already-existing regional competitions and providing up to three qualification opportunities, this process prioritizes boxers and creates a fair and equal qualification procedure for all boxers.



The "Paris 2024 Boxing Event Regulations" for the Olympic Games and the qualifying competitions are expected to be released as early as 2023. In addition to the IBA's current anti-doping programmed, testing at the Olympic qualification competitions will be done in close coordination with the International Testing Agency (ITA).

## Aiming for the Olympics 2024

After staying away from the Olympics for the last 18 years, is it possible for our boxers to return to the most renowned event in the world? Given how the state disregards boxing, it is a challenging question. If the state does not support this sport, it will be difficult for us to rejoin the Olympic movement. Since a few years ago, the government has stopped funding the sport, which Pakistan has a rich history in. In the past, Pakistani wrestlers often won medals in the Asian circuit and could compete with the best in the world in other important competitions.

## Hussain Shah was instrumental in helping us win bronze in the Seoul Olympics in 1988.

But after years of dominance, Pakistani boxing began to wane after 2004. We last entered boxers at the Athens Games in the same year. Since then, the Olympics have been a dream come true for our national boxers, who are in desperate need of facilities and rewards to restore the country's oncefamous status in this sport.

If we examine the talent that is now on hand, we can say that some regions of the nation, such as Quetta and Karachi, have raw potential, but the government must put more effort into developing it. Olympic fans can buy **Olympic Tickets** from our website.



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Ilyas Hussain's impressive victories in Birmingham gave us new confidence that Pakistan will one day reclaim its former greatness. The problem, though, is how hard we have worked on that youngster and a select group of other athletes who have the ability to challenge for medals on the world circuit.

## Yes, we will need to give it some thought.

A significant upset occurred in the 46-48kg division at the just finished national competition in Quetta when Zohaib Rasheed, who had won the bronze medal at the Asian Under-22 Championship, was defeated by Jehanzeb Khan.

In the event, the Higher Education Commission (HEC) and Police displayed some excellent talent. A few talented young men and women competed for the Army, PAF, Navy, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Balochistan, demonstrating that we still have talent.



The fighters' physical condition wasn't poor, based on several battle videos. Yes, they must raise their ability level, which requires effort and professional training.

Olympic Qualifications for the 2024 Paris Games are ready to start. The fact that there are three opportunities to qualify for the Olympics makes the new boxing qualification pathway particularly beneficial for the boxers. The Asian Games, which will take place in Hangzhou, China, the following year, will this time be qualifiers for the 2024 Paris Games. Additionally, there will be two global qualifying rounds in 2024—the Olympic year.

Considering that the federation plans to host an inter-departmental competition in late January that would help it identify some potential for the camp, PBF has planned to start preparing for the Asian Games in February of next year. But a significant question is whether PBF can maintain its camp till the Asian Games without assistance from the government.

Considering the federation's financial situation and the type of support it receives from the corporate sector, I don't think it's simple. In order to help the PBF properly train its fighters for the Olympic Qualifiers, the IPC ministry and the PSB should examine the situation of boxing and perform their respective roles.

We have some excellent talent in a few weight divisions, and we have the ability to pull off a shocker in the qualifiers if the boxers are treated right, given exposure abroad, training camps abroad, and some financial support so that their families can feel encouraged and start supporting their kids.

Our government needs to pay more attention to boxing so that it can once again become a significant sport.

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